



General Assembly

January Session, 2009

**Proposed Bill No. 5445**

LCO No. 704

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
REP. ORANGE, 48th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR SEEKING OR OBTAINING  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR A DRUG-RELATED OVERDOSE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that (1) a person  
2 who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for another person  
3 experiencing a drug-related overdose shall not be charged or  
4 prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance pursuant to the  
5 provisions of chapter 420b of the general statutes if the evidence for the  
6 charge of possession of a controlled substance was gained as a result of  
7 the seeking of medical assistance, and (2) a person who experiences a  
8 drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance shall not be  
9 charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance  
10 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 420b of the general statutes if the  
11 evidence for the charge of possession of a controlled substance was  
12 gained as a result of the overdose and the need for medical assistance.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide immunity from prosecution for possession of a controlled substance for a person who seeks or obtains medical assistance for a drug-related overdose.